of agriculture. Under the Ninth Plan and the Tenth Plan, an average investment on agriculture and irrigation has come down from 14.4 per cent to 11.4 per cent. Sir, the NDA Government has been spending more time in keeping their flock together than to look to the interests of the farmers. If this Government continues to neglect the interests of the farmers, they will be thrown to the dustbin of the history.

Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of this House to what happened in Indonesia under the rule of Mr. Suharto, who was one of the most powerful Presidents, which Indonesia ever had. For only 10 to 15 days there was no availability of food, products in the market. As a result his Government was overthrown. Similarly, once considered as the superpower, the Soviet Union was broken into pieces giving rise to the formation of the Commonwealth of Independent States simply because there was a food shortage for a few years.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (Shri Suresh Pachouri): Mr. Rajashekaran, you may continue your speech tomorrow. Before the Houses rises for the day, Shri Nitish Kumar, will lay a statement regarding accident of 2402 Down New Delhi-Patna Shramjeevi Express.

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**STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

**ACCIDENT OF 2402 DN NEW DELHI-PATNA SHRAMJEEVI EXPRESS BETWEEN KEHTA SARAI AND MEHRAWAN STATIONS ON FAIZABAD - ZAFRABAD SECTION OF LUCKNOW DIVISION ON NORTHERN RAILWAY ON 12™ MAY, 2002.**

**रेल मंत्री (श्री नीतीश कुमार)**: मैं उत्तर रेलवे पर लखनऊ मंडल के फ़ैजाबाद – जाफ़राबाद खण्ड पर खेता सराय और मेहरावां स्टेशनों के बीच २४०२ डाउन नई दिल्ली- पटना श्रमजीवी एक्सप्रेस की दुर्घटना के संबंध में एक स्वप्रेरित बयान सभापटल पर रखता हूं।

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुरेश पचौरी )** :इस संबंध में स्पष्टीकरण बाद में पूछे जाएंगे। अब सदन की कार्यवाही कल मंगलवार दिनांक १४ मई २००२ प्रातः ११ बजे तक स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at fiftyeight minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 14th May, 2002.



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